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SUBJECT: FURTHER THAI VIEWS ON THE KRIANGSAK VISIT

REF: KUALA LUMPUR 1965

1. THE DEPUTY CHIEF OF THE THAI EMBASSY IN KUALA LUMPUR
PAID A CALL ON DCM MARCH 6 AND PROVIDED A FEW ADDITIONAL
INSIGHTS ON THE RECENT VISIT TO MALAYSIA OF THAI PRIME
MINISTER KRIANGSAK CHAMANAN.

2. THAI DCM CONSIDERED SUBJECT OF THAI-MALAYSIAN
COOPERATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE BORDER AREA
AS PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT. HE SAID THAT THAIS WERE
CONCERNED ABOUT GROWING DISPARITY BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES
OF THE BORDER, WITH THE THAIS LAGGING BEHIND THEIR
MALAYSIAN COLLEAGUES. HE FELT THAT THIS DISPARITY COULD
BECOME SIGNIFICANT AND COULD CAUSE THE THAIS PROBLEMS
NOT ONLY IN TERMS OF THE COMMUNIST APPEAL TO PARTS OF
THE POPULATION BUT ALSO IN TERMS OF ENCOURAGING SOUTHERN
THAI MUSLIM SEPARATIST FEELINGS. HE ASKED ON A STRICTLY
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PERSONAL BASIS WHETHER THE U.S. WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
ASSISTING DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE AREA. WE REPLIED
THAT THERE WERE NO PLANS FOR ANY U.S. AID PROGRAMS IN
MALAYSIA, BUT THAT WE DID HAVE AN AID MISSION IN THAILAND
AND INQUIRIES SHOULD BE DIRECTED THERE AS FAR AS PROJECTS
ON THE THAI SIDE OF THE BORDER WERE CONCERNED.

3. THAI DCM SAID THAT THE QUESTION OF JOINT MILITARY OPERATIONS AGAINST THE COMMUNISTS WAS ALSO DISCUSSED FAVORABLY DURING THE VISIT. HE DID, HOWEVER, NOTE SOME PROBLEMS IN THE PAST RESULTING FROM A LACK OF RECIPROCITY ON THE PART OF THE MALAYSIANS REGARDING "HOT PURSUIT". HE SAID THE THAIS HAD BEEN WILLING TO PERMIT THE MALAYSIANS TO PURSUE COMMUNIST INSURGENTS ACROSS THE BORDER INTO THAI TERRITORY AND TO REMAIN THERE FOR EXTENDED PERIODS. HOWEVER, THAI REQUESTS TO PURSUE MUSLIM SEPARATIST INSURGENTS INTO MALAYSIA HAD BEEN REFUSED.

4. THE THAI DCM ALSO DESCRIBED FURTHER SOME OF THE ECONOMIC COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS AGREED TO DURING THE VISIT. FOR EXAMPLE, HE NOTED THAT MALAYSIAN AGREEMENT HAD BEEN OBTAINED FOR DUTY FREE TRANS-SHIPMENT OF THAI GOODS THROUGH MALAYSIA TO SINGAPORE BY MEANS OF TRUCK CONVOYS.

5. HE DID NOT PROVIDE ANY FURTHER DETAILS ON GREATER THAI-MALAYSIAN COOPERATION AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

6. COMMENT. THE THAI DCM AGREED WITH OTHER ASSESSMENTS THAT THE VISIT WENT EXTREMELY WELL AND THAT KRIANGSAK WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED BY THE GOM. HIS CONCERN REGARDING THE THAI MUSLIM SEPARATISTS WAS EVIDENT, HOWEVER, DESPITE MALAYSIAN OFFICIALS' PUBLIC STATEMENTS INDICATING THEY HAD

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NOTING TO DO WITH SUCH ELEMENTS. THESE STATEMENTS ARE PROBABLY TRUE AS FAR AS OFFICIAL GOM SUPPORT IS CONCERNED. HOWEVER, MUSLIM SEPARATISTS MAY WELL RECEIVE AT LEAST SYMPATHY AND MORAL ENCOURAGEMENT FROM A FEW LOCAL GOM OFFICIALS AND OTHER POLITICAL FIGURES IN THE BORDER AREAS, PARTICULARLY IN THE HEAVILY ISLAMIC-ORIENTED STATE OF KELANTAN. IT IS CERTAINLY NO SURPRISE THAT THE MALYSIANS WOULD REFUSE TO GRANT "HOT PURSUIT" AS NOTED ABOVE - TO DO SO IN KELANTAN, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD BE POLITICAL SUICIDE. THE PROBLEM IS COMPOUNDED NOW THAT THE PAN MALAYSIAN ISLAMIC PARTY (PAS), WHOSE LEADER DATUK ASRI HAS PUBLICLY SUPPORTED THE THAI SEPARATISTS IN THE PAST, IS BACK IN THE OPPOSITION.

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